

Town of Thompson
Transfer Station Advisory Committee
Minutes of Regular Meeting August 25, 2022

Those in Attendance: Members Linda Carli, Karen Durlach, Paul Horanzy. Al Landry, Lynn Landry, David Ostrowski, First Selectman Amy St. Onge, Finance Director Bill Steglitz.

1. Choose Meeting Moderator and Secretary: Karen volunteered to Moderate the meeting and Lynn volunteered to record the minutes. Karen called the meeting to order at 7 PM in the Merrill Seney Community Room.
2. Approve Minutes of January 27, 2022: Motion by Al Landry and seconded by Paul Horanzy to accept the January 27, 2022 minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carries.
3. Changes to Agenda: None.
4. Correspondence :None.
5. Financial Report: Bill presented Expense and Income for the Fiscal Year ending June 2022, showing a more favorable outcome. We discussed the use of the NIPS Funds. The Committee recommends that funds be used for capital improvements and other improvements such as repairs. Al suggested making list of projects to be addressed as Thompson receives the semi-annual NIPS payments.
6. Information from First Selectman: Amy stated that they are currently looking to hire two maintainers and a Director for the Public Works Dept. Amy discussed recent upgrades and plans for the Transfer Station. She has been at the Transfer Station to facilitate compliance on the colored plastic caps and she observed the work flow. She would like the Committee to look at a fee increase for our January meeting for the October 2023 Permits. Regarding the issue of Out of State plates, while there may be good reason for Thompson residents to have an Out of State plate (work vehicle, second home in Thompson), this continues to be a source of concern for residents. Linda and Al suggested having a higher fee for Out of State plates. We need to revisit this issue.
7. Recycling, Education and Trash Reduction Effort: Amy suggested waiting for a few more improvements before making the educational video previously discussed. Compliance remains an issue. Linda reported that there are many uncovered loads, with trash blown into the roadsides. We discussed selling truck covers at the Transfer Station, in addition to violators receiving a warning. Karen will provide Amy with a copy of the original compliance form. We discussed that violators receive a warning and then a fine. We will work on a simple Do and Don't handout that will be given to Permit Holders. Amy will also include information in the upcoming Selectmen's Update.
8. Citizens' Comments: None.
9. Comments from Committee Members: Al asked David if he had been provided with information on ferrous and non-ferrous metal recycling. He had not received any information and Amy will follow up on this.

10. Other Business: We discussed reinstituting the Transfer Station Tour for the public school. Lynn will contact the Superintendent to see how we might work together to educate the students.
11. Set next meeting date and agenda: The next meetings will be January 26, 2023 and August 24, 2023.
12. Adjournment: There be no further business, Karen adjourned the meeting at 7:52 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lynn Landry